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Mr. Peter T. Young
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Aloha Mr. Young;

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
National Ocean Service Kihei Facility Project
TMK: (2) 3-9-001:087

Thank you for your comments on our Draft Environmental Assessment for the National Ocean Service (NOS) Kihei Facility Project (KFP).

We, too, are interested in the historic land use changes on this site. In that regard, the KFP Team has begun preliminary discussions with Ms. Cathleen Dagher and Ms. Melissa Kuykendahl focusing on the most appropriate manner to facilitate an archaeological inventory survey on the proposed site.

We would like to propose that the inventory be conducted simultaneously with the excavation of the foundation for the new building. First, we would conduct the survey in the areas of the new construction excluding the footprint under the existing storage buildings. Then based on consultation with your office and the results of the survey, we will proceed if necessary with the inventory under the existing storage buildings. This will prevent us from demolishing our storage buildings prematurely.

We fully intend to work closely with your office to ensure that proper steps are taken to document any and all historical artifacts. Again, thank you for your comments and interest in this project, and we are looking forward to continuing to work with your office in the future.

Sincerely,

Claire Cappelle
KFP Responsible Program Manager &

Maui County Liaison